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SUBJECT: MAP TRAINING FOR KENYA FOR FY 76 AND 77

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1. SUMMARY: KENYA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE HAS IDENTIFIED
CURRENT AND PROJECTED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS WHICH KENYA
BELIEVES CAN BEST BE MET BY U.S. MILITARY TRAINING
COURSES. IDENTIFICATION OF TRAINING PRIORITIES DREW
ON EXPERTISE OF USEUCOM FOREIGN TRAINING BRANCH
PER-

SONNEL WHO MADE STAFF ASSISTANCE VISIT TO KENYA 17-20
DECEMBER 1975. THIS MESSAGE SETS FORTH KENYAN TRAINING
REQUESTS FOR BALANCE OF FY76 AND 77, INCLUDING UNDER-
GRADUATE PILOT TRAINING TO TRANSITIOO PISTON-AIRCRAFT
PILOTS TO SUBSONIC JET QUALIFICATION. ACTION REQUESTED:
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APPROVAL TO PROGRAM KENYAN TRAINEES IN SPECIFIC COURSES

LISTED BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. BACKGROUND: ONE YEAR HAS NOW ELAPSED SINCE KENYA FIRST APPROACHED
USG TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN DEFENSE
MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. PRIMARY FOCUS OF U.S. EFFORTS TO DEVELOP ASSISTANCE PACKAGE HAS BEEN ON MATERIEL, ESPECIALLY AIRCRAFT. FMS CREDITS WERE AGREED AND/OR PLANNED ON ASSUMPTION THAT USED SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. APPROXIMATELY \$1 MILLION IN FY 76 AND 75 MAP TRAINING FUNDS WERE ALSO EARMARKED FOR KENYA TO ENABLE IT TO TRAIN PILOTS AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL FOR EXPECTED ACQUISITION OF SOPHISTICATED AIRCRAFT. KENYANS SIGNED AN FMS CREDIT AGREEMENT FOR \$5 MILLION ON THE LAST DAY OF FY 75, AND WERE INFORMED AT THAT TIME THAT U.S. INTENDED TO MAKE AVAILABLE \$1 MILLION FOR TRAINING ON GRANT BASIS. WHEN USED SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT PROVED UNOBTAINABLE, BOTH
U.S. AND KENYA WERE
FORCED TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE WAYS IN WHICH U.S. COULD CONTRIBUTE TO KENYA'S REQUIREMENTS. KENYANS HAVE DEVELOPED EXTENSIVE SHOPPING LIST WHICH
INCLUDES SUBSTANTIAL
AMOUNT OF GROUND FORCES EQUIPMENT, TWO TYPES OF SOPHISTICATED AIRCRAFT (F-5E AND A-4), HELICOPTERS AND C-130 TRANSPORT. IN VIEW OF KENYA'S SEVERELY STRAINED BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, MUCH OF THIS EQUIPMENT CAN BE ACQUIRED ONLY WHEN SATISFACTORY FINANCING BECOMES AVAILABLE. KENYANS HAVE
ALSO RE-EXAMINED THEIR TRAINING REQUIREMENTS IN
LIGHT OF THEIR TOTAL MODERNIZATION PROGRAM AND HOPE U.S. WILL STILL PROVIDE MAJOR GRANT TRAINING WHETHER OR NOT IT IS ABLE TO FINANCE HIGH-COST ITEMS SUCH AS PLANES.

. REQUIREMENTS: VISIT TO KENYA OF LTC BROMAN AND MR. BREMER OF USEUCOM FOREIGN TRAINING BRANCH 17-20 DECEMBER PROVIDED FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS EMBASSY TO DISCUSS WITH KENYANS ENTIRE RANGE OF MILITARY TRAINING AVAILABLE AT U.S. FACILITIES. SEVERAL HOURS WERE DEVOTED TO DE-
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TAILED EXPLANATION OF TRAINING CONCEPTS AND SPECIFIC COURSE CONTENT IN AREAS OF INTEREST TO KENYA. PARTICIPANTS FROM KENYAN SIDE INCLUDED MOD CHIEF OF STAFF BRIG. KAKENYI, HIS PRINCIPAL STAFF OFFICER FOR OPERATIONS AND TRAINING LTC MUSOMBA, COMMANDER OF AIR FORCE COL. GICHURU AND COMMANDER OF NAVY LTC KIMARO. ON BASIS THESE DISCUSSIONS, KENYANS ON 23 DECEMBER PRODUCED LIST OF THEIR PRIORITIES FOR TRAINING TO BEGIN BEFORE 31 DEC 76, I.E.,

IN TIME FRAME FOR WHICH FY 76 AND 77 MONEY CAN BE OBLI-
GATED. FIRST PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
MASL NO. COURSE DESCRIP. COURSE COST DURATION NO. OF TRAINEES
D112008 UNDERGRAD PILOT 48,610 49 WK. 1

(T-37-38)

D112004 UNDERGRAD PILOT 36,010 36 WK. 7

(T-37)

B171768 COMMAND & GEN 1,660 51 WK. 2

STAFF COLL (ARMY)

VARIOUS NAVY JUNIOR OFFICER VARIOUS 24 WK. 3

QUALIFICATION

(FOR DETAILS SEE USCINCEUR ECJ4/7 21767 DTG 291802Z

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THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE OF LOWER PRIORITY, BUT
NEVERTHELESS STRONGLY DESIRED IF FUNDS AND SPACE
AVAILABLE

MASL NO. COURSE DESCRIP. COURSE COST DURATION NO. OF TRAINEES

B171066 ENGR OFFICER 2,260 26 WK. 1

ADVANCED (ARMY)

B171132 FLD ARTY OFFICER 2,480 26 WK. 1

UNKNOWN NAVY ELECTRONICS UNKNOWN 48 WK. 1

OFFICER

P162003 INTL DEFENSE 3,140 13 WK. 2

MGT

P171002 NAVAL STAFF 1,140 23 WK. 1

COURSE

D112004 UNDERGRAD PILOT 48,610 36 WK. 3

(T-37)

4. IN DISCUSSION OF REQUIREMENTS, KENYA MOD FULLY
COGNIZANT THAT FINAL MAP APPROPRIATIONS NOT YET APPROVED
BY CONGRESS, AND THAT ALL COURSES SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY
AND APPROVAL BY U.S. AUTHORITIES. KENYANS HAVE ASSURED US
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THAT, IF THESE COURSE ARE APPROVED, THEY CAN
NOMINATE QUALIFIED CANDIDATES ON SHORT NOTICE. THIS IN-
CLUDES PISTON-QUALIFIED PILOTS READY FO TRANSITION TO
SUBSONIC JETS.

5. JUSTIFICATION: NONE OF COURSES LISTED ABOVE IS RE-
LATED TO SPECIFIC NEW EQUIPMENT, BUT PILOT TRAINING IN
PARTICULAR IS BASED ON PREMISE THAT KENYA WILL IN NEXT
TWO OR THREE YEARS ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL JET AIRCRAFT AND
WILL NEED MORE PILOTS. IF U.S. AIRCRAFT ARE DECIDED

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UPON WHILE PILOTS STILL IN T-37 COURSE, THEY CAN CONTINUE TRAINING APPROPRIATE TO TYPE OF AIRCRAFT PURCHASED. REASON FOR REQUESTING ONE T-37/T-38 SPACE IS TO PREPARE ONE KENYAN PILOT FOR SQUADRON LEADER RESPONSIBILITY WHEN SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT ACQUIRED AT SOME FUTURE DATE; THIS PILOT WOULD, OF COURSE, ALSO NEED FURTHER TRAINING ON TYPE OF PLANE ACQUIRED. COURSES OTHER THAN PILOT TRAINING ARE OF TYPE THAT KENYA CANNOT EFFICIENTLY ESTABLISH LOCALLY IN VIEW OF SMALL DEFENSE FORCES.

6. IN MY VIEW, THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO COMPELLING REASONS WHY THIS TRAINING SHOULD BE APPROVED. FIRST, WE HAVE ASSURED GOVERNMENT OF KENYA THAT WE WISH TO BE AS HELPFUL AS WE CAN IN ASSISTING WITH DEFENSE NEEDS. FACT REMAINS, HOWEVER, THAT FOR REASON BEYOND USG CONTROL WE HAVE NOT PROVIDED ANY MILITARY EQUIPMENT YET, AND KENYA'S FMS CREDIT REMAINS UNTOUCHED. MOVING AHEAD ON MAP TRAINING WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARD DEMONSTRATING OUR INTEREST IN SOME FORM OTHER THAN VERBALLY. SECOND, REQUESTED TRAINING REPRESENTS KENYA'S OWN CONSIDERED JUDGEMENT OF MILITARY MANPOWER NEEDS. THIS JUDGEMENT APPEARS TO BE REALISTIC IF
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ONE ACCEPTS FACT THAT MAJOR DEFENSE CONCERN OF KENYA NOW AND IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE IS LACK OF ANY CREDIBLE DETERRENT AGAINST POTENTIALLY HOSTILE NEIGHBORS ARMED WITH MIG 21'S AND SOVIET TANKS; ACQUISITION OF SOME TYPE OF NEW AIRCRAFT IS HIGH PRIORITY AS ONE MEANS OF RESTORING MILITARY BALANCE. DESPITE FINANCIAL BURDEN, KENYA SEEMS DETERMINED TO STRENGTHEN AIR FORCE AND GRANT AID FOR PILOT TRAINING WILL MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THIS GOAL. KENYANS FIRST ASKED IN NOVEMBER THAT PILOT TRAINING BE INITIATED INDEPENDENTLY OF FMS PURCHASE (NAIROBI 9741) AND CURRENT REQUEST REPRESENTS REAFFIRMATION OF THAT KENYAN DECISION.

7. EMBASSY RECOGNIZES, AS POINTED OUT IN STATE 268713, THAT TYPE OF TRAINING FOR FY 76 AND 77 WOULD ORDINARILY BE STRONGLY INFLUENCED BY TYPE OF MILITARY PACKAGE OFFERED. REALISTICALLY, HOWEVER, ONLY TYPE OF TRAINING THAT WOULD APPROACH KENYA MAP CEILING OF OVER \$1 MILLION FOR FY 76 AND 77 WOULD BE JET PILOT TRAINING OR HELICOPTER PILOT TRAINING. KENYANS HAVE EXPRESSED CLEAR PREFERENCE FOR JET PILOT TRAINING. THEY WOULD ALSO LIKE IN FUTURE TO SEND AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL FOR TRAINING, BUT RECOGNIZE THAT THIS TRAINING IS CLOSELY LINKED TO TYPE OF AIRCRAFT ACQUIRED. THUS THE QUESTION BOILS DOWN TO WHETHER U.S. IS PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE UNDERGRADUATE PILOT TRAINING FOR UP TO 10 STUDENTS TO COMMENCE THIS SPRING AND SUMMER (PRECEDED BY NECESSARY TECHNICAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION). THIS TRAINING IN NO WAY PREJUDICES DECISION ON EQUIPMENT TO BE OFFERED KENYA UNDER FMS, AND MEETS A STATED NEED WHETHER OR NOT KENYA ACQUIRES AIRCRAFT FROM U.S. SOURCE. WE HAVE ALLOWED FOR POSSIBLE COST INCREASES, TRANSPORTATION AND LIVING ALLOWANCES IN COURSES LISTED ABOVE, AND BELIEVE MOST OR ALL CAN BE PROVIDED WITHIN FY 76 AND 77 CEILING, INCLUDING PILOT TRAINING.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE CINCEUR COMMENTS ON PROPOSED TRAINING. REQUEST CINCEUR FURTHER IDENTIFY NAVY ELECTRONICS OFFICER COURSE LISTED ABOVE IN PARA 3. I STRONGLY URGE SECSTATE AND SECDEF APPROVAL OF TRAINING REQUESTED PARA 3. APPROVAL FOR PILOT TRAINING MUST BE CONFIDENTIAL

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BE RECEIVED BY MID-JANUARY IF WE ARE TO HAVE ANY HOPE OF OBTAINING SPACE FOR PILOTS IN COURSE COMMENCING IN TIME FRAME COVERED BY FY 76 FUNDS.
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